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PreK-12 Highlights in HEROES Act

State Fiscal Stabilization Fund: \$90 billion divided among elementary and secondary schools (65 percent), public postsecondary institutions (30 percent), and state activities (5 percent). States must commit to maintain their own K-12 and higher education funding in order to access this funding. This flexible funding can support:

- Making up instructional time, including teacher, school leader and classified school employee personnel costs;
- School-based supports for affected students, families and staff, including counseling, mental health services, family engagement efforts and the coordination of physical health services;
- Sanitation and cleaning for schools and school transportation;
- Professional development for school-based staff on trauma-informed care to restore the learning environment;
- Educational technology, including assistive technology;
- Coordination between state educational agencies and public health departments for emergency planning, response and recovery;
- Activities under education statutes including ESEA, IDEA, and the McKinney-Vento Homeless Assistance Act;
- Training for college and university faculty and staff to use technology and services related to distance education;
- General expenditures for institutions of higher education for expenses associated with a disruption in services or operations related to the coronavirus, including defraying expenses due to lost revenue, reimbursement for expenses already incurred, and payroll; and
- Emergency financial aid to postsecondary students for housing, food, technology, healthcare and child care.

Clarifies Congressional intent regarding CARES Act funding:

- Explicitly refutes Education Department guidance diverting additional resources to private K-12 schools via “equitable services” provided under the CARES Act.

Broadband: \$1.5 billion to close the homework gap by providing funding for Wi-Fi hotspots and connected devices for students and library patrons, and \$4 billion for emergency home connectivity needs.

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